



## FCCH Training

Kendra's Law was passed in 2010, and it requires Family Child Care providers to get two hours of training each year. It also states that the SCDSS Child Care website will post a notice for each provider indicating if the training requirement has or has not been met.

All training must be certified or registered by the Center for Child Care Career Development (CCCCD) to count toward the Kendra's Law requirement. Providers can view a list of training sessions by clicking on the "Calendar" link of the CCCC website at [www.sc-cccd.net](http://www.sc-cccd.net).

Pediatric First Aid/CPR is the only acceptable training not certified or registered by CCCC. If a provider chooses to use this training to meet the Kendra's Law requirement, it must include the hands-on skills component, and the provider must send a copy of the First Aid/CPR card to Child Care Licensing with all other renewal paperwork.

## Fill and Save Forms Available on Web

"Fill & Save" forms are designed for providers to type information into them and save them to a computer. The following forms are now available in this format on the SCDSS Child Care Services website at [www.state.sc.us/dss/childcare](http://www.state.sc.us/dss/childcare):

- General Record and Statement of Child's Health for Admission to Child Care Facility (Form 2900)
- Application to Operate a Child Care Facility (Form 2902)
- DHEC - Fire Inspection Request (Form 2905)
- Consent to Release - Central Registry (Form 2924)
- Current Child Care Facility List of Children - Centers (Form 2963)
- Current Child Care Facility Staff/Caregiver Checklist (Form 2964)

The new version of Form 2905 combines two previous forms - the Sanitation Inspection Request Form and the Fire Inspection Request Form. Providers only need to complete this one form to request both types of inspections.

Providers who prefer to print a blank form may still do so. Just print out the form as you normally would. When you open the form online, you will see gray boxes, but they will not be gray when you print the form.

Licensing is in the process of converting even more forms to the "Fill & Save" format. These forms will be labeled "Fill and Save or Print Blank Form" once they are posted on the website.

SCDSS will not have access to any personal information or facility information saved on your computer if you choose to download these forms.

Child Care Licensing is developing additional procedures to help streamline the renewal process for providers. We are developing a process that will allow providers to e-mail forms and information to Licensing Specialists, and we are designing electronic renewal packets that can be downloaded from our website. Stay tuned for more information on these exciting new tools!

## New Product Safety Reporting Database

On Friday, March 11, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) launched an important new tool and resource for pediatricians and other health care providers as well as parents and families: SaferProducts.gov, an online database to report injuries or hazards posed by consumer products.

The SaferProducts site allows physicians, parents, and others to report incidents involving consumer

products that caused harm or could have caused harm. Examples of reportable incidents might include:

- A child's ingestion of a small part that broke off a toy
- An injury caused when a child fell out of a crib, cradle, bassinet, or bunk bed
- An infant's rash linked to a detergent or cleansing product meant for use with babies

As reports are collated, they will be made available online without identifying information so pediatricians and family members can search the database for reports associated with specific products or classes of products. Names and other identifying information will not be made public. Please note that the database is meant only for reports of harms or potential safety risks, not for complaints about the effectiveness or utility of products. Learn more online at <http://SaferProducts.gov>.

## Region I Office Has A New Location

The Child Care Licensing Office in Region I has relocated and consolidated with the ABC Office in Greenville as a cost cutting measure. The new office is located at:



225 S. Pleasantburg Drive  
Suite C-6  
Greenville, SC 29607

Region I's new contact information:

### Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 5616  
Greenville, SC 29606-5616

**Local Phone:** (864) 250-5576

**Toll-Free:** (800) 637-8550

**Fax:** (864) 250-8044

Region I serves Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, and Spartanburg Counties.

# Child Care Centers: Storage in Attics

Some child care centers do not have enough storage space. Attic spaces appear to provide a simple solution to the storage problem; however, the national fire codes do not permit storage in the attic unless it is properly protected. The International Fire Code (IFC) and the International Building Code (IBC) both state the following:

**IFC (06) 315.2.4 Attic, under-floor and concealed spaces.** Attic, under-floor and concealed spaces used for storage of combustible materials shall be protected on the storage side as required for 1-hour fire-resistance-rated construction. Openings shall be protected by assemblies that are self-closing and are of noncombustible construction or solid wood core not less than 1.75 inches (44.5 mm) in thickness. Storage shall not be placed on exposed joists.

**Exceptions:** (1) Areas protected by approved automatic sprinkler systems. (2) Group R-3 and Group U occupancies. (Group R-3 includes single detached houses and duplexes. Group U includes utility structures such as barns, sheds, etc.)

Storage in the attic creates a hazard by increasing the Fire Load (the amount of material that can burn). When the space does not have the requirements listed in the fire code, fire can spread more rapidly through

the attic, burn structural supports, and cause a quicker collapse of all or part of the building.

The building code also requires attics used for storage to be designed for the appropriate "Live Load" (the amount of weight the attic can hold) to prevent the ceiling and possibly the roof from collapsing.

Storage may be placed in the attic if the following requirements are met:

- ♦ The area must be capable of holding the weight of the storage without collapsing. Consult your local Building Official for guidance. You may be required to consult a SC Registered Engineer to verify the maximum weight allowed or to verify any construction modification that may be needed to support the anticipated weight of the storage. [IBC (06) 1607]
- ♦ The building will need to be protected from attics used for storage in one of two ways:
  - 1) Provide a minimum of 1-hour fire-resistant-rated construction on the storage side of the area. This is typically accomplished by properly installing 2 layers of 5/8 inch type X sheet rock with sealed joints on the storage ceiling and walls. Access openings (entries to the attic) will need to be protected by assemblies that are self-closing and are of noncombustible construction or solid wood core not less than 1 3/4 inches thick, **OR**

- 2) Attics used as storage areas will need to be protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system. Typically this option is used if the building already has sprinklers.

If you currently use an attic for storage and it is not protected as described above, the materials being stored must be removed.

If you plan to construct your attic space to accommodate storage, please contact SCDSS Child Care Fire & Life Safety and your local Building Official before beginning any work. Child Care Fire and Life Safety Inspectors can be reached at the Central Office phone number or your Regional Office phone number listed at the end of this newsletter.

## E-Newsletter

If you are reading this newsletter on the Child Care Services website and would like to receive it by e-mail, please contact Rick Knight at [richard.knight@dss.sc.gov](mailto:richard.knight@dss.sc.gov).

### DSS Emergency Communications Room

During an emergency or disaster, child care providers should call:

**800-556-7445**

to report damage or closure or to request expanded capacity.



Child Care Centers that use an attic for storage must have attics that meet Fire and Building Codes such as this one.



Attics such as this one or others that do not meet Fire and Building Codes cannot be used for storage by Child Care Centers.



## Staff Spotlight: Don Wood - Fire & Life Safety

Don Wood came to Child Care Licensing in September, 2008 as Chief Fire and Life Safety Inspector. He supervises the Child Care Licensing Fire and Life Safety Office and has 4 Regional Inspectors who report to him.

Don began his career as a Fire Fighter Driver Engineer with the City of Chester in 1979 and became Fire Inspector with the City of Chester in 1989. He began working with the Office of State Fire Marshal as a Deputy State Fire Marshal in 1992 where he inspected child care facilities in addition to other types of structures. From 1998 – 2002, Don worked as Chester County Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Director then returned to the State Fire Marshal's Office until he came to Child Care Licensing.

Don says the most rewarding part of his job is knowing that he makes a difference in the safety of children who are in child care. He came to Child Care Licensing because of the opportunity to start a new fire prevention program from the ground level by applying his knowledge and experience from the Office of State Fire Marshal.

Don holds Inspection and Fire Plan Examination Certifications from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the International Code Council (ICC). He also has State Fire Marshal Certification.

When he is away from the job, Don likes to farm and fish. He lives in Chester, SC and is married with two daughters and one granddaughter.

Please feel free to call Don or any of the Regional Inspectors if you have fire and life safety questions or visit

the Fire and Life Safety webpage on the Child Care website at [www.state.sc.us/dss/childcare](http://www.state.sc.us/dss/childcare). The Regional Inspectors can be reached at the phone numbers listed for the Regional Offices at the end of this newsletter.

## AAP Updates Car Seat Policy

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) released a new policy addressing the use of car safety seats on March 25, 2011. The new policy advises parents to keep their toddlers in rear-facing car seats until age 2, or until they reach the maximum height and weight for their seat. It also advises that most children will need to ride in a belt-positioning booster seat until they have reached 4 ft. 9 in. tall and are between 8 and 12 years of age.

## Child Related Product Recalls

DSS Regulation 114-507C(2) states that furniture, toys, and recreational equipment shall meet the standards of the US Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC), if applicable, and that recalled products shall not be accessible to children. To view recalled products, call CPSC's hotline at 800-638-2772 or visit their website at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov). To report a dangerous product or related injury, visit <http://SaferProducts.gov>.

- ♦ Quality Bicycle Products Recalls Civia Bicycle Racks Due to Fall Hazard
- ♦ EKSuccess Brands Recalls American Girl Crafts Jewelry Kit Due to Violation of Lead Paint Standard
- ♦ Musical Shaker Instrument Recalled by Woodstock Percussion Due to Laceration and Choking Hazard
- ♦ Kahn Enterprises Recalls Beeni Baby Hats Due to Asphyxiation Hazard
- ♦ Strollers Recalled to Repair by phil&teds USA Due to Amputation and Laceration Hazards
- ♦ Model Helicopters Recalled by Horizon Hobby Due to Impact and Laceration Hazards
- ♦ Bicycle Helmets Recalled by Bell Sports Due to Head Injury Hazard

- ♦ Lan Enterprises Recalls Zooper Strollers Due to Strangulation Hazard
- ♦ Dream on Me Recalls Drop-Side Cribs Due to Entrapment, Suffocation, Laceration, and Fall Hazards
- ♦ Additional Fingertip Amputations and Lacerations Prompt Reannouncement of November 2009 Recall of Strollers by Maclaren USA
- ♦ UJ Trading Recalls Knight Hawk Toy Helicopters Due to Fire Hazard
- ♦ Meijer Recalls Infant Slipper Socks Due to Choking Hazard
- ♦ CPSC Alert: Consumers Urged To Stop Using phil&teds USA Clip-on Chairs Due To Serious Dangers Posed To Children
- ♦ G.A. Gertmenian and Sons Recalls Toy Story 3 Bowling Game Due to Violation of Lead Paint Standard
- ♦ Sandbox Medical, LLC Recalls Pacifier Clip Due to Choking Hazard
- ♦ Girl's Hooded Sweater Recalled by El Gringo Imports Due to Strangulation Hazard



## Fire & Life Safety on the Web

The Child Care Services website, [www.state.sc.us/dss/childcare](http://www.state.sc.us/dss/childcare), now has a Fire and Life Safety section. Some of the features include fire inspection checklists for providers, guides for architects and engineers, sample plans, and links to other Fire and Life Safety related websites. Links to this new page appear in the "Find" box and the "Discover" box on the homepage.

## Reptiles & Amphibians in Child Care

Turtles, frogs, iguanas, snakes, geckos, horned toads, salamanders, lizards, and chameleons are some common reptiles and amphibians that might be kept as pets, but the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) advises against having them in child care centers. The following information is from an article on the CDC website. The entire article can be found online at [www.cdc.gov/Features/SalmonellaFrogTurtle](http://www.cdc.gov/Features/SalmonellaFrogTurtle).

### **How do people get Salmonella infections from reptiles and amphibians?**

Reptiles and amphibians might have Salmonella germs on their bodies even when they appear healthy and clean. The germs can also get on cages, aquariums, terrariums, the water reptiles and amphibians live or swim in, and other containers that house them. Anything that reptiles and amphibians touch should be considered possibly contaminated with Salmonella. When you touch reptiles and amphibians, the germs can get on your hands or clothing. It is important to wash your hands immediately after touching animals, or anything in the area where they live and roam, including water from containers or aquariums, because the germs on your hands can easily spread to other people or things.

### **How do I reduce the risk of Salmonella infection from reptiles and amphibians?**

- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm water immediately after touching a reptile or amphibian, or anything in the area where they live and roam. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

- Adults should always supervise hand washing for young children.
- Do not let children younger than 5 years of age handle or touch reptiles or amphibians, or anything in the area where they live and roam, including water from containers or aquariums.
- Keep reptiles and amphibians out of homes with children younger than 5 years old or people with weakened immune systems.
- Reptiles and amphibians should not be kept in [child care centers](#), [nursery schools](#), or other facilities with children younger than 5 years old.
- Do not touch your mouth after handling reptiles or amphibians and do not eat or drink around these animals.
- Do not let reptiles or amphibians roam freely throughout the house or in areas where food or drink is prepared, served, or stored, such as kitchens, pantries, or outdoor patios.
- Habitats and their contents should be carefully cleaned outside of the home. Use disposable gloves when cleaning and do not dispose of water in sinks used for food preparation or for obtaining drinking water.
- Do not bathe animals or their habitats in your kitchen sink. If bathtubs are used for these purposes, they should be thoroughly cleaned afterward. Use bleach to disinfect a tub or other place where reptile or amphibian habitats are cleaned.
- Wash any clothing the reptile or amphibian might have touched.
- Use soap or a disinfectant to thoroughly clean any surfaces that have been in contact with reptiles or amphibians.

## Licensing Contact Information

### Region 1

Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, and Spartanburg Counties

**864-250-5576**

**800-637-8550 (toll-free)**

**864-250-8044 (fax)**

### Region 2

Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell, Chester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lexington, McCormick, Richland, Saluda, Union, and York Counties

**803-898-9001**

**888-202-1469 (toll-free)**

**803-898-9002 (fax)**

### Region 3

Allendale, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper, and Orangeburg Counties

**843-953-9780**

**800-260-0211 (toll-free)**

**843-953-9787 (fax)**

### Region 4

Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Sumter, and Williamsburg Counties

**843-661-6623**

**800-464-9138 (toll-free)**

**843-661-7504 (fax)**

### Central Office:

2638 Two Notch Road, Suite 200  
Columbia, SC 29204

**803-898-9020**

**800-556-7445 (toll-free)**

**803-898-9029 (fax)**

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